

[No Report.]

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,

MAY 17, 1852.

Read twice, and committed to the Committee of the Whole on the state of the Union.

Mr. PEASLEE, from the Committee on the Militia, reported the following bill :

A BILL

To provide for the protection of the Territories of New Mexico and Oregon.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Repre-*
2 *sentatives of the United States of America in Congress*
3 *assembled,* That the President be, and he is hereby au-
4 thorized to cause arms to be distributed among such por-
5 tions of the inhabitants of New Mexico and Oregon as he
6 may deem advisable, and under such regulations and pre-
7 cautions as may be considered necessary to insure the
8 preservation of said arms, and the application thereof to
9 the defence of the said Territories.

1 SECT. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That the Pres-
2 ident be, and he is hereby authorized, whenever he may
3 deem it necessary for the protection of said Territories, or

4 either of them, to call out all or any portion of the militia
5 thereof, or to accept the services of one or more volunteer
6 companies which may be raised therein; and the volun-
7 teers and militia so called into service shall be entitled to
8 the same ordinary monthly pay and allowances as were
9 provided by law for volunteers while in the service of the
10 United States, under the act entitled "An act providing for
11 the prosecution of the existing war between the United
12 States and the republic of Mexico," approved May thir-
13 teenth, eighteen hundred and forty-six.